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WAR WOMEN

The papers have been filled with stories of the heroism of the women of Great Britain. We are all familiar with the horror through which they are passing, and how they go about their daily lives without fear for the morrow, doing the work that is assigned to them, much of which was previously performed by their men folk, without complaint and without stint.

Now comes a story from Toronto, telling of the service Canadian women are rendering in the munitions factories there. Recently Ruth Cowan, an AP writer who toured Canada with a group of newspaper women, told of what she saw there in a highly guarded "somewhere near Toronto."

A year ago this plant, which in peacetime specializes in heavy machinery, wouldn't have thought of employing women. Today it has 1,000 women and girls welding, filing, inspecting and doing other work—and we are told that it acknowledges that in some mechanical processes women are better than men.

"They are in shacks and wear colorful bandanas around their heads," Ruth Cowan writes, "but their fingernails are brightly tinted and their noses well powdered. The work manager praised the efficiency of the women. They top men in patience, he said, and stand up better under dull routine."

"They keep their fingernails neatly manicured and brave with color, we are told, when men get dirty up to the elbows. Many of them are just out of high school and they are doing work which must be accurate—in some instances to 1-10,000 of an inch.—Ocala Star.

VOTING MADE EASIER

Florida voters will have cause to thank the 1941 legislature when they go to the polls in the next general election. Those who wish to do so will be able to vote a straight party ticket by making one mark on the ballot or moving one lever of the voting machine, as the case may be.

Printing the names of candidates of each party in a separate column is required by an amendment to the election law which also legalizes voting a "straight" ticket by marking an "X" at the top of the column or lifting the party lever, where voting machines are used.

This practice is followed in most other states but Florida has not previously seen it to adopt it. Voters may still vote "split" tickets if they desire but the regulars can cast their ballot more quickly and easily than was possible in the past.

The election law change can hardly be classed with the most important legislation enacted this year but it should prove to be among the most popular.—Palm Beach Post.

CHANCE TO "GET RIGHT"

Comptroller Jim Lee made one of his top notch speeches at Tallahassee last Tuesday in explaining procedure for Florida's new tax assessment and collection laws. To a throng of county assessors, collectors, clerks, commissioners, school officials and legislators, Lee very clearly outlined the steps that are to be followed, similarly in all counties, to give the robbly old "tax structure of the state a star about face."

Hale enjoyed by tax payers have been plugged; goal of assessment has been set as a statewide true 100 per cent efficiency of duty by assessors; the laws on real and personal property have been strengthened to the extent that county collectors have the required support of law and the state government in earnestly approaching 100 per cent collection.

Anyone who heard Jim Lee tell how to make the three new laws most effective, and heard Governor Holland tell why it is imperative that they do become effective, would better understand this fine opportunity provided by the administration thru the recent legislature for the people of Florida to fix their county and district financial affairs on a workable and practical basis.

Neither the Governor nor the Comptroller have a reputation for making pretty speeches, and then sitting back and waiting for someone else to do something. Those who "sat in" at Tallahassee are sure, even if the rest of the state's people didn't hear them, that this may not yet be sure, that both men are men of action, that they are "monkey business in tax assessments and collections in Florida because memories of the past."

Fair 100 percent assessment for all, with the "teeth" of the law, realizing they are going to have to produce most of the money to run their local divisions of government, rather than waiting for state revenues to provide the "sugar" that they are inclined to demand that expenditures be allowed on for the more pressing necessities.

Florida here has a chance to again return government to the people—provided the people can regain the will to make it work. The first step is for all property owners to understand the requirements and penalties. Second step, here at home is for all proper-

ty owners to get their true values listed with the tax assessor promptly. Third step is for all not saving paid personal property taxes to battle with the tax collector before July 15, otherwise such property will be advertised for sale. (From Suwannee Democrat)

THE U. S. O. FOR THE U. S. A.!

Many an athletic team has put up a victorious fight against almost overwhelming odds because the players knew everyone in their school or town was rooting for them. Armies outlasted in everything but courage have fought valiantly for much the same reason; the soldiers knew their countrymen were united solidly behind them. For many examples we have the Finns, Greeks and British.

When a school wants to show its team members that everyone is behind them the students whip it up at a rally. For a nation the problem is not solved so easily. The chance for a demonstration of national solidarity in the United States occurs about once in a generation. Such an opportunity will present itself in June.

During that month the United Service Organizations for National Defense, comprising the Young Men's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Service, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, Young Women's Christian Association, and National Travelers Aid Association, will conduct a campaign for \$10,765,000 to operate 350 service clubs for soldiers, sailors and defense workers. In addition, the U. S. O. will finance an all-star program of entertainment in the camps.

The need for the U. S. O. is obvious. Many army training camps are located in out-of-the-way places, a long distance from a big city. As a result, it is not unusual for a group of 40,000 men to be situated near a town of a few thousand people. The recreational facilities of such small communities are soon swamped. Soldiers wander aimlessly about the streets, vainly seeking amusement for their leisure hours. By providing a wide range of recreational and social events the U. S. O. service clubs will go a long way toward solving this problem. The long evenings and long hours of this campaign as something more than an opportunity to provide recreation for our soldiers and sailors. We hope every American will strive to put his drive over the top in a demonstration to the entire world that his country is a united nation standing solidly behind its defenders.—Ex.

AMERICAN CAVIAR

Strangely enough, the sturgeon—whose name is virtually synonymous with the wondrous word caviar—is not caught for its roe in this country, in spite of the fact that the American fish is essentially identical with the sturgeon swimming in Russian waters. Caviar companies of the kind that dot the coast of the Black sea and receive the freshly caught fish to its roe still warm and in perfect condition—have never been established on American shores.

With us the roe, found accidentally, cured casually and regarded without the reverence accorded to the Russian version, is simply a by-product of the fish. Yet in spite of all this negligence, America is beginning to produce caviar that, in its own unpretentious manner, is supplanting in part the imported product. The price of the Russian caviar has fallen from \$20 to \$18 in recent weeks. An American brand that seems to prove very satisfactory is selling at \$8 a pound.

There is a very salty, smoky one, of fine, large, perfect eggs and another—called a "sweet" caviar. This one has a clean, unobtrusive flavor, difficult to attain in this country, where the roe cannot be prepared so immediately after the fish is caught. Most of it comes from deep waters off Georgia and South Carolina.

The in-shore fish are unsuitable for caviar because they live among the silt and seaweed on the shallow bottoms, and the roe retains a muddy flavor. Those from the colder, deeper waters must be brought in long distances and sometimes have not that freshness demanded by the Russians. For connoisseurs, this is a matter of extreme significance. To the American seems, nevertheless, able to supply quite satisfactory caviar to the general public—including us. Our friend assured us that he has recently supplied more than 200 pounds to a large steamship line.—New York Times.

A PLEASURE TO SERVE

It seems that a man was arrested in Norway by the Gestapo because he kept talking along water to himself. The police asked him sternly if he had been expressing anti-German thoughts under his breath. "Oh no," he replied. "The Norwegians are my water." Out of work and I was only telling myself that I'd miss rather work for 10,000 Germans than for one Englishman.

Mollified, the questioners said that was a different story, and even offered to help him find a job. What was his profession? "Oh," came the answer, "I'm a grave digger."—Washington, (D. C.) News.

PERILS OF WAR

A bomb knocked down a house and a policeman plunged into the ruins to rescue a fellow trapped in the basement.

Half an hour later he crawled out with his man. He was covered in mud, grease, plaster, bits of brick. He was also scorched and half-choked from a fire that had started.

"Me," said an AHS man, "you are in a mess."

"Yes," drawled the policeman, "that's the worst of my blue—It shows very little stain!"—Tit-Bits.

Council Lists All Jobs To Be Done By The Volunteers

Hundreds of Jobs To Be Filled By Those Registered

The National Defense Council listed the many things that can be done by volunteers in time of war. The list follows:

Division of Civil Protection: Florida Defense Force (Uniformed and armed); Air Raid Warning Service; Air Raid Warden Service; Gas Attack or Raid Service; Road Traffic Service; Anti-Submarine Service; Boat Patrol Service; Evacuation Service; Mine Unarmed Service.

Division of Fire and Water Supply: Fire Prevention Service; Fire Defense Planning; Fire Spotting; Fire Fighting Service; Alarm Operation; Fire Fighting Service; Water Supply Service; Demolition Service; Rescue Service.

Division of Transportation and Communications: Road Service (Construction, Maintenance and Repair); Motor Transport Service; Rail Transport Service; Boat Transport Service; Air Transport Service; Telephone Service; Telegraph Service; Standard Radio Service; Short Wave Radio Service.

Division of Health: Medical Service; Hospital Administration; Drugs and Supplies; Public Health Service; Dental Care Services; Blood Bank.

Division of Housing: Service on various types of Housing Surveys; Division of Food: Food Supply Service; Food Distribution Service; Food Storage and Preservation Service.

Division of Agriculture, Food Production Service; Food Distribution Service; Industrial Corps Service; Agricultural Supply Service; Agricultural Research Service; Agricultural Extension Service; Service on Surveys.

Division of Labor and Personnel: Service in any lines of work available in defense activity.

Division of Education, Information and Media: Service as Publicist, Script or News-Writer, Service as Speaker (radio, attendance, commencement, service clubs, etc.); Service in agencies in connection with schools, colleges and universities; Service in controlling and creating subversive propaganda; Service in carrying out programs concerned with Pan-American relations.

Division of Industry and Material Resources: Service on Surveys; Division of Home and Community Services: Service in field of Recreation; Service in field of Nutrition; Service in field of "Home Services"; Service along lines of Community or Consumers Interests; Service in making and securing adequate clothing supply.

Priority Given Civilian Industry

Washington, July 1.—The Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply Tuesday gave priority status to material and equipment required for operation of 26 necessary civilian industries and public services.

The program was instituted in order to "assure continued operation of essential industries and services which otherwise might have to curtail because of inability to secure needed repair or maintenance parts," an announcement by OPACS said.

The action was made necessary by heavy demands on raw materials resulting from the defense program. Priorities privileges granted to holders of army and navy contracts have made it difficult, the statement said, for manufacturers of repair and maintenance parts to fill civilian orders.

The following industries and services were given priority status: Railroads; street railway, subway, elevated and interurban lines; commercial air lines; commercial operation of motor buses; lake, ocean, river and canal shipping; oil and gas pipelines; commercial operation of motor trucks; highway maintenance; telephone communication; including commercial broadcasting.

In a simultaneous announcement, the OPACS announced that it would allocate materials and new equipment necessary to construct and repair machinery needed by the canning industry to handle the incoming crop of perishable fruits and vegetables.

Plenty of Power Is Available

Atlanta, Ga., July 1.—The Georgia Power Company reported Tuesday its storage reservoirs still were at one-third the normal level in indirect comment on the charge by Walter McDougall, chairman of the state public service commission, that there was "no occasion or excuse" for the

declaration of a Southeastern power emergency. McDougall said that a two-inch rain in the next Georgia, which would govern the storage deficiency and charged that the federal power commission's declaration was "just another case of the South getting it right in the neck."

The FPC declaration was designed to hurt the South by showing that we haven't the power to do the things we want to do—namely, secure more defense industries."

The Georgia commissioner, who has been active in the Southern Governor's Conference campaign for more Dixie industrial development, said the "scaring" business away from the South.

BUILD BRIDGE

Otis Arnold and crew of six State Road Department men are at work between Belle Glade and Vinegar Bend installing a bridge over the roadside canal to the site of the government hospital, which is to be built on the site in the near future. The bridge when completed will be 42 feet long and 23 feet wide.

12,284 Receive Aid During Six Months Ending April 30th

Surplus Commodities Passed Out To Many In The County

Surplus commodities distributed among needy residents of Palm Beach County during the six month period, November 1, 1940 to April 30, 1941, totaled 1,101, 132 pounds, of a fair retail value of \$47,860.65. Inclusive of surpluses supplied to the school lunch program in the amount of 110, 277 pounds, according to announcement of W. F. Cutting, director of the State Welfare Board's Surplus Commodity Division.

The average number of Palm Beach County recipients of surplus commodities, other than children participating in the school lunch program, was given as 12,284. Surplus foodstuffs distributed were: Salt pork, grits, potatoes,

prunes, lard, cabbage, apples, smoked bacon, wheat flour, corn meal, rice, raisins, beans, canned peaches, evaporated milk, black-eyed peas, graham flour, dried peaches, wheat cereal, grapefruit juice and butter.

The surplus is furnished without cost by the Federal Surplus Marketing Administration with a view to adding growers through the stabilization of prices and also to provide a sustaining diet for the undernourished.

The State Welfare Board, as one of many services rendered the needy of Florida, also distributes wearing apparel, fashioned in WPA sewing rooms. Articles distributed in Palm Beach County during the six month period previously referred to totaled 10,129 pieces, of a fair retail value of \$5,078.34.

FML WANTS LINE

Jacksonville, July 3.—Application has been made by the Florida Motor Lines for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing bus service over three new routes. Hearing date has been set by the Interstate Commerce Commission for July 8th. Routes desired by the Florida

Motor Lines are between Jacksonville and Marietta, between Jacksonville and Green Cove Springs, via Orange Park, and between Kissimmee and Okeechobee, via Holopaw.

79 Register In The Lake Region

Registration of youngsters, who became 21 since last October, was held in the county on Tuesday of this week. In the four points of registration in the Glades only 79 men were registered. This amount was far below what the local draft board expected.

Registrations were as follows: Canal Point 14, Pahokee 17, Belle Glade 35 and Lake Harbor 13. These four stations took care of all registrants in the Glades area. Registration places were open from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m.

BOE IS NAMED

Hugo Boe was named Palm Beach county fire warden by Guy Bender following the latter's appointment as chief of the Everglades Fire Control district on Monday of this week.

A Special Invitation To Our
FRIENDS ON THE LAKE
To Spend Your

4th of JULY
WEEK-END

At

Fort Lauderdale

Mammoth Parade **Bathing Beauty Contest**
Coronation Ball **Street Dancing**
Fireworks Display Over Ocean
Ocean Bathing **Barbecue** **Golf**
Bicycle Races **Pistol Shoot**

Something Going On Every Minute
Special Hotel Rates Over Week-End
Spend Friday, Saturday & Sunday in Fort Lauderdale
For The Glorious 4th Week-End

Owens Will Assess—

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The meeting and in no uncertain terms told the assessors that a full cash value would be used from now on in preparing the county assessment rolls. Governor Holland pointed out that the State of Florida makes a substantial contribution to the school system in

each county in Florida and that this contribution was made on a teacher unit basis and, therefore, was on an equal basis and that now the counties must assess their property at 100% in order that uniformity for local participation in schools would be brought about.

Another reason for the change pointed out by Governor was the fact that homesteads in Florida, having a value greater than \$5,000, were being exempted from taxation, but that was not the intention, nor the purpose of the Constitutional Amendment exempting homesteads in Florida, but a valuation of \$5,000.

The Governor and Comptroller called attention to the fact that all valuations must be reduced to the same ratio that the valuation is raised and that, eventually, the change from low value to high value would bring about a saving to the majority of the taxpayers because, as pointed out above, valuations with a true value of over \$5,000.00 would now pay taxes on whatever value was in excess of the \$5,000.00 exemption.

In this county, I expect to comply with the demands of the State Comptroller and the Governor and assess the property, according to law, at its true cash value. I am writing this letter and requesting that you make no return Tax Return, itemizing all of the property that you might own, whether it be real estate or personal property, setting forth the true cash value of same. I have, in the past, as I think the taxpayers of Palm Beach County know, made every effort to protect them and to keep their taxes as reasonable as possible and I expect to continue this policy.

want your cooperation and you can count on mine too.

If you do not make a Tax Return within the next ten days, or two weeks, I will be forced to appraise your property as best I can from what information I have, and can secure, and place it on the tax roll at the true cash value, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I believe this change in our tax law will eventually prove very satisfactory and I want to be very part to help the Governor and the State Comptroller in carrying out the law and also carrying out their wishes.

Trusting that I may hear from you in the very near future and with my best wishes, I am,
Yours very truly,
Jas. M. Owens, Jr.,
Assessor of Taxes

Hope To Raise Old—

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borrowing, it will be impossible to spend this money before it is actually received, even if it were good business to do so.

"When the new money is available, it is hoped that it will be sufficient amount to permit the decreasing of the average grant for Old Age Assistance from the present \$13 per month to \$22 per month. However, this does not mean that every recipient will be paid the same then or now. The reverse is true. Each grant will be based on the need of the recipient and the grants will vary from the maximum of \$40 per month allowed by state and federal law to the minimum now paid.

"Frequent reference to the payment of 'pensions' is no doubt responsible for much of the existing confusion. The state does not pay pensions to persons 65 years of age or more, but it does grant them public assistance, if in need based on their need as determined by a thorough investigation. Should the state undertake to pay pensions it would lose matching Federal funds which are in the ratio of dollar for dollar of state grants. Florida's state welfare act is based on the federal social security act and must necessarily comply with its provisions to one-fourth its benefits.

"Increasing the maximum grant from \$20 per month to \$40 per month means nothing except that in extreme cases of need it is possible to allow the larger amount.

"Nothing could be more cruel than to permit our older citizens who are receiving public assistance to entertain the delusion that their grants are to be immediately increased. On the other hand, they are entitled to the assurance, which I feel is justified, that the present average grant will be maintained until the race track revenues are in hand."

Maybe We Have A 5-Day Week
Tampa, July 3. Lawyers who delight in technicalities have been having fun here with interpretations of House Bill No. 61 and contend that Florida, under its ruling, is technically operating under a 5-day week.

The act passed by the 1941 legislature, amends acts relating to legal holidays and designates among other holidays "the first day of the week, commonly called 'Sunday'." The act also says that whenever a legal holiday falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be observed as a business holiday.

Thus sticklers contend that since the law designates "Sunday" as a legal "holiday" and also provides that when a legal "holiday" falls on Sunday, the following day or Monday, shall be observed as a

"holiday," it automatically makes every "Monday" a legal "business holiday" in this state.

Under the bill it is pointed out that Labor Day, which occurs on the first Monday in September, now becomes a "double" holiday.

Benny Doesn't Outwit Governor

Atlantic City, July 3. Governor Holland parried wits with comedian Jack Benny here at the opening of the Florida State Exhibit on the world-famed Atlantic City Steel Pier.

During the opening day ceremonies, Benny stated that "California oranges are the sweetest and purest in the world."

Smilingly Governor Holland retorted: "Now I understand why Benny is considered such a great comedian."

The exhibit is drawing large

crowds and during the summer season is expected to present Florida's story to over two million prospective tourists. It is considered the outstanding attraction on the pier and is selling Florida to thousands daily.

ONE CASE POLIO

West Palm Beach, Fla., July 1. One isolated case of infantile paralysis is reported by Dr. W. K. VanLandingham, city physician. All protective measures have been taken to prevent spread of the dread disease, he said.

He said there is no cause for alarm and that the case is being reported in line with his policy of keeping the public informed at all times with the health conditions existing in the city.

The patient, Dr. VanLandingham revealed in a letter to City Manager Francis B. McGarry, is a six-year-old boy, who has been isolated in a hospital.

County Tax Roll To Be \$125,000,000 Says Tax Assessor

Many Homesteads To Go Back On Roll Under New Law

County Tax Assessor James M. Owens, Jr., estimated Tuesday that the county tax roll will be about \$125,000,000 when revision is completed, and added that the roll will be delivered by the first week in August.

The roll last year was approximately \$23,000,000. Mr. Owens said most of the valuations are being multiplied by five. The grandstands of the Everglades are remaining at \$1 an acre, and some

other improved land is being multiplied by more than five, he said. Recent land sales, especially of valuable pieces of land, have confirmed his estimate that valuations have been about one-fifth of true cash value, Mr. Owens said.

About 20 per cent of the homesteads in the county will be put on the tax roll through increase to 100 per cent valuation. Previously less than five per cent was on the roll because the constitutional \$5,000 exemption was actually equivalent to a \$25,000 exemption through the fractional valuation custom, he explained.

Palm Beach Post.

Pierce Wood Is Pepper's Secretary
Jacksonville, Fla., July 3. G. Pierce Wood of Quincy, speaker of the Florida House of Representatives during the 1939 session,

said Tuesday he had accepted the position of secretary to United States Senator Claude Pepper. Wood, who served five terms as state representative, passed through here on the way to Washington. He will succeed Oscar Johnson, former Jacksonville 111. newspaperman, who has been Senator Pepper's secretary for the past few years. Johnson will come here shortly to become state director of the office of government reports.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Whitman of Pahokee will have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spear and children of Griffin, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Smith and son, Louis, are visitors in Atlantic this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Watson of Pahokee announce the birth of a son at the Everglades Memorial Hospital on Sunday, June 29.

Statement Of Condition Of

BANK of PAHOKEE

At Close Of Business

June 30, 1941

Resources

Liabilities

Loans & Discounts	\$ 254,727.96	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	6,770.54	Surplus	52,500.00
U. S. Bonds	63,700.00	Undivided Profits and Reserves	4,617.84
State, County & Municipal Bonds	78,675.00		
Stocks	5,000		
Other Assets	644.75		
Cash On Hand & Due from Banks	865,250.44 1,013,270.19	Deposits	1,167,650.85
Total	\$1,274,768.69	Total	\$1,274,768.69

Notice To RETAILERS

The new annual Retailers' License and Inventory Tax Law (Chapter 20977), passed by the recent Session of the State Legislature, became effective July 1, 1941.

Report forms must be sworn to and filed with your remittance for your license to do business during the year July 1, 1941, to June 30, 1942.

This tax must be paid immediately.

Penalty for delinquency amounts to 2% per month and can not be waived if you delay. Do not delay. Save yourself from penalty and save the State from further costs by remitting promptly.

No GROSS RECEIPTS TAX is due on your June business—BUT all Gross Receipts Tax due on receipts for May and previous months must be paid. Interest and penalties are piling up already if you have neglected this matter. Save yourself and the State further costs by remitting promptly.

J. M. LEE, Comptroller

Tallahassee, Florida

Announcing a change in Ownership of the Western Auto Associate Store

IN PAHOKEE and BELLE GLADE

Formerly Owned and Operated By
J. F. McLURE, Jr

Now Owned and Operated By
J. C. ELLINGTON

We will appreciate a Continuance
of Your Patronage

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation